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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 30, 2003 having a shortened three-month period for response which expired on August 30, 2003. Applicant encloses herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time together with authorization to deduct the appropriate fee.

Remarks begin on Page 2 of this paper.